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1. UPON MY RETURN TO BERLIN I GAVE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT FOR THE US EXHIBIT AT THE LEIPZIG FAIR CONTAINED IN REF(A). IN PARTICULAR I HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL THOUGHT TO THE TONE THIS STATEMENT SHOULD HAVE AT THIS JUNCTURE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH EAST GERMANY, AS THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IS READY BY VISITORS TO THE FAIR, BASED ON THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I BELEIVE THAT THE FOLLOWIING TEXT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE FAIR AND I ASK THAT IT BE APPROVED.

2. BEGIN TEXT" WELCOME TO AMERICAN INDUSTRY: A BICENTENNIAL SURVEY
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A. TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIRTEEN COLONIES IN NORTH

AMERICA UNITED AND DECLARED THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THEIR IDEALS AND ASPIRATIONS WERE PROCLAIMED ON JULY 4, 1776 IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. WE RECALL WITH SPECIAL GRATITUDE THE EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION OF FREDERICK WILLIAM AUGUSTUS VON STEUBEN OF MAGDEBURG TO OUR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE.

B. WE CELEBRATE WITH PRIDE OUR 200 YEARS AS A REPUBLIC DEDICATED TO THE IDEALS IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND OUR CONSTITUTION. OUR COUNTRY OF 212 MILLION CITIZENS, COMPRISED OF ALL THE RACES AND CREEDS AROUND THE GLOBE, HAS ACHIEVED THROUGH THE WORK AND INGENUITY OF ITS PEOPLE AND THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER NATIONS A POSITION AS THE LARGEST TRADER IN THE WORLD,EXPORTING THE PRODUCTS OF OUR AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY TO EVERY CONTINENT.

C. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES I SEND GREETINGS TO THE SPRING 1976 LEIPZIG FAIR AND TO ITS GUESTS , AND WELCOME VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES EXHIBITS." END TEXT.COOPER

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